

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 219223

46

ORIGIN ACDA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 PM-04 FEA-01 CIAE-00 INR-07

IO-13 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-07 NRC-05 OES-06 DODE-00

ERDA-05 SAJ-01 H-02 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

/107 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/PA:TFBARTHELEMY:HL

APPROVED BY ACDA/PA:PASANJUAN

ACDA/IR:RLFISCHER

----- 108758

P 031815Z SEP 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

INFO USMISSION NATO PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 219223

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: PARM

SUBJECT: FRG PRESS REPORT ON SALT AND IKLE'S SPEECH

REF: BONN 14754

1. REIFENBERG STATEMENT (PARA 2 REFTTEL) WAS NOT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF DR. IKLE'S SPEECH, WHICH DID NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSE EXPANSION OF SALT TO INCLUDE IRBMS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE CONTINGENCY Q'S AND A'S APPROVED FOR STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN:

Q: SHOULD DR. IKLE'S REMARKS BE INTERPRETED AS A CRITICISM OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S ARMS CONTROL POLICY?

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 219223

A: ABSOLUTELY NOT. AS IS CLEAR FROM MANY PASSAGES, THE

SPEECH EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF VLADIVOSTOK AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S NEGOTIATING APPROACH. THE SPEECH CLEARLY DEFENDS THE DECISION TO FOCUS ON STRATEGIC SYSTEMS AS "THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS" BECAUSE THEY CONSTITUTE THE "MOST DIRECT AND DYNAMIC CONFRONTATION OF THE SUPERPOWERS." HE REFERS TO THE ALREADY COMPLEX NATURE OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS AND POINTS OUT THAT "PROGRESS WOULD HAVE BEEN JEOPARDIZED BY BURDENING THEIR AGENDAS FURTHER."

Q: WHAT WAS IT THAT HE WANTED TO SAY?

A: THE THRUST OF HIS MESSAGE IS TO REMIND US THAT WE CAN- NOT SIMPLY FOLD OUR TENTS ONCE WE REACH A SALT AGREEMENT. THE CARE WITH WHICH WE ARE NEGOTIATING THE SALT II AGREEMENT IS IMPORTANT IN LAYING A SOLID BASIS FOR FUTURE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.

Q: DOES DR. IKLE SPEAK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION IN HIS COMMENTS INDICATING THE NEED FOR FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS?

A: THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING TO WORK FOR EFFECTIVE CONSTRAINTS ON ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS IS SHARED THROUGHOUT THE ADMINISTRATION.

Q: IF THE RUSSIANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ALTER THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR BALANCE, AS THE TIMES REPORTS THE ACDA DIRECTOR IS CHARGING, HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE SALT NEGOTIATIONS?

A: THE SPEECH MADE NO ALLEGATION THAT THE STRATEGIC BALANCE IS THREATENED. STRATEGIC ISSUES ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS.

Q: IS DR. IKLE PROPOSING SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS ON EUROPEAN OR ASIAN REGIONAL NUCLEAR SYSTEMS OR ON-GOING AREA SYSTEMS?

A: DR. IKLE'S SPEECH DOES NOT PROPOSE ANY NEW NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME.

Q: IS THE UNITED STATES SUGGESTING THE ROLE OF ITS NUCLEAR FORCES IN DETERRING CONVENTIONAL ATTACK ON ITS ALLIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 219223

SHOULD BE LESSENERED?

A: NO SUCH SUGGESTION WAS MADE IN DR. IKLE'S SPEECH.

Q: DOES DEPLOYMENT OF SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE 20 OR THE BACK-FIRE JEOPARDIZE SALT II?

A: NO. THE 20 IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE AN ICBM BY VIRTUE

OF ITS RANGE. BACKFIRE, AS IS WELL KNOWN, IS UNDER DISCUSSION IN SALT II.

Q: WHAT IS THE SS-X-20, AND HAS DEPLOYMENT BEGUN?

A: THE SS-X-20 IS A DERIVATIVE OF THE SS-X-16 ICBM. IT COMPRISES THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF THE SS-X-16 AND HAS A MIRVED PAYLOAD. WE BELIEVE THE SS-X-20 COULD BE READY FOR DEPLOYMENT; BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY DEPLOYMENT.

Q: HOW WILL DEPLOYMENT OF SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE SS-X-20 OR THE BACKFIRE AFFECT THE REGIONAL NUCLEAR BALANCE, FOR EXAMPLE IN EUROPE?

A: THAT DEPENDS ON A GREAT MANY COMPLEX FACTORS, AND I AM NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO THEM AT THIS TIME.

Q: WAS DR. IKLE'S SPEECH APPROVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE OR STATE?

A: WE DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A QUESTION OF INTERNAL PROCESSING OF SPEECHES BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. END GUIDANCE.

3. WE ARE POUCHING TEXT OF DR. IKLE'S SPEECH TO BONN AND USNATO. ROBINSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INSTRUCTIONS, SALT (ARMS CONTROL), ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS, PROGRESS REPORTS, THE PRESS, PRESS CONFERENCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE219223
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: TFBARTHELEMY:HL
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760335-0700
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760991/aaaadadv.tel
Line Count: 142
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN ACDA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 BONN 14754
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 NOV 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 NOV 2003 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <06 AUG 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FRG PRESS REPORT ON SALT AND IKLE'S SPEECH
TAGS: PARM, (IKLE, FRED C)
To: BONN
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006